

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A method comprising the steps of:

receiving a notification from a voicemail server, wherein the notification comprises attributes associated with an incoming message intended for a voice mailbox subscriber of the voicemail server and a voice mailbox identification associated with the voice mailbox subscriber;

mapping the voice mailbox identification to an instant messaging identification of an instant messaging client, wherein the voice mailbox subscriber and the instant messaging client are a common entity;

querying a presence of the instant messaging client using the instant messaging identification; and

forwarding the notification to the instant messaging client if the instant messaging client is available.

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